

DRAFT of MINUTES

Town of Charlemont Cemetery Committee

July 11, 2014

Present: Bonnie Lee Nugent (Chair), Bill Harker, Stefan Kostka, Michael Walsh, Camille White

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Bonnie Lee Nugent.

1. The minutes of the June 20, 2014, meeting were read and approved.
2. Bonnie Lee discussed some of the differences between a cemetery committee and a cemetery commission. As an example, the cemetery commission for the town of Chesterfield paid the required \$3000 to get a cemetery put onto the National Registry. This allowed them to apply to the commonwealth for a grant, for which they received \$120,000.
3. After some discussion, the committee decided not to seek a commission status. Instead, Camille moved that:
  - (1) the Charlemont Cemetery Committee continue in its present form; and
  - (2) that the Charlemont Cemetery Committee have oversight responsibility regarding all work done at Charlemont cemeteries that are under the Select Board's jurisdiction.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Michael Walsh will look into coordinating with the Charlemont 250 Committee with a goal of providing local residents and visitors with information about some of the historic burials in the town's cemeteries. This might, for example, include both written materials and maps.
5. Camille expressed concern with the effect that Steve Reynolds, the Charlemont Tree Warden, is having on the plans to remove several trees at the Old Cemetery. Because of some unspecified conflict, Paul Hicks has rescinded his bid of \$1000 for the removal of two pine trees and four black birch trees. Mr. Reynolds has reportedly been in touch with Woody Lanoue to remove fewer trees for more money.

Members of the committee expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of communication from the select board regarding this issue.

6. Bill moved that Bonnie Lee Nugent be the committee's liaison with the Select Board. The motion was passed unanimously.
7. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Stefan Kostka

*Bonnie Lee Nugent*  
*Bill Harker*  
*Michael Walsh*  
*Stefan Kostka*  
*Camille White*